

Amherst Recreation Commission

Minutes of May 23, 2022

Present: Sanjay Arwade, Matthew Cain, Carolyn Mailler, Sarah Marshall, Rey Harp (Director)

Absent: Youssef Fadel

Others in attendance: None

The meeting, conducted remotely by Zoom, was called to order by Rey Harp at 7:13 p.m.

- Matthew Cain will take minutes for this meeting
- No public comment
- April minutes approved

Rey reviewed his monthly report on all programs:

- Youth Sports:
 - Acquiring the recreational swimming program up to High School age from Tritons. About 20 kids. Sanjay: Branding these as “Feeder Programs” is great; make sure Tritons isn’t offloading cost on the town
 - Lacrosse and Baseball finishing out successful seasons
 - Discussion about Rec vs School Department running / cooperating on Middle School sports. Sports provided through the Middle School seem pretty random up to now, mostly driven by High School JV needs and long time coaches involvement. Sanjay: Rec Department should be provided with the same field access and transportation as school teams.
- Aquatics: Schedule is out for lessons and open swim. Splash pads opening up.
- Working with the Senior Center on Movie Evenings at the pool; Jaws, Cocoon.

Upcoming projects:

- Rec Manual: Writing down procedures and expectations since there are a lot of new staff over the past year
- Field Scheduling: Working to centralize scheduling in Recreation in collaboration with Schools, DPW, Facilities and independent organizations. Initially for town and school fields but potentially gyms and pools too. Having a single, central schedule will improve how things run in the town; Rec Department should be appropriately resourced to handle this.
- Open Commission positions: Trying to get more applicants, currently four for two or three positions.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 7pm Monday June 13

Meeting adjourned by Ray Harp at 8:39pm

Submitted by Matthew Cain